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Every inch the French gain on the Verdun front is as good as a mile on the German east front.

More valuable white print paper sacrificed yesterday for some of the silly features of Sunday journalism!

Those reputed 800,000 soldiers of the entente allies in the Balkans have not yet done anything to prove that there are 800,000.

If any considerable number of Turkish soldiers have been sent to the aid of Austria, it ought to make Grand Duke Nicholas' task in Armenia a great deal lightened.

Perfectly sweltering heat, but not only on the Mexican border. The Vermont boys down on the Rio Grande may be interested to know that good old Vermont is getting heated up these days.

There seem to be a great many profers to put the railroad strike situation up to the public, but as yet no specific offer has come from the warring elements. Coming down to brass-tacks, each side perhaps is too suspicious of such mediation.

Portugal's proposed entry into the war, after two years of watchful waiting and after the entente allies seem to have gained the ascendancy over Germany and her allies, at least for the time-being, makes one of the ridiculous sidelights on the great conflict. Judging, too, by the program outlined by the Portuguese minister of war, it will take another two years for Portugal to get ready to enter the conflict. It looks like almost a sure thing that the war will have been ended by the time Portugal finds herself in position to fight.

Prof. A. H. Appellman, head of the department of German in the University of Vermont, may be an excellent man in his collegiate work but his alleged correspondence with Dr. Paul Rohrbach of Berlin, Germany, would tend to show him to be a man out of sympathy with American ideals and institutions. The University of Vermont, we venture to say, stands for real Americanism, first, last and all the time, whether it be in discussion of world politics or things more peculiarly related to inner life of the republic.

The appearance in the North sea Saturday of a portion of the German high seas fleet indicates that the German naval arm has recovered in part from the battering received at the hands of the British in the battle of Jutland on May 31 and is ready once more to enter cautiously into engagement with the British. In the comparatively slight brush which the two fleets had on Saturday the honors rest with the Germans as far as extent of damage is concerned, for the loss of two light cruisers (the British damage) is far greater than the destruction of a single submarine and damage to another (the German damage). It was nothing more than a reconnaissance, and before long the German fleet may be expected to venture out to give battle. The German fleet is too great an asset to the German empire to be kept cooped up while the German army is being pounded on all sides.

The measure of success which attended the first effort of the farm bureaus of Washington and Orange counties to hold a joint picnic and field day demonstration was such as to lend distinct encouragement for a repetition of the event another year. Indeed, such a high standard was set in Barre Saturday both as to the large attendance and as to the excellence of the program arranged that there will need to be strong effort to eclipse the first annual field day. So many farmers have not gathered in either of the two counties in a long time, and it is rarely that gatherings have been permitted to listen to such interesting speakers with a particular message to the agricultural interests of the sections involved. Those who were responsible for the success of the event and those who assisted them in the furthering of the plans are to be congratulated over the outcome of the affair. There is no doubt that the farmers of Washington and Orange counties received benefits from the get-together and from the program.

THE STAMPALLA CASE

If, as reported, the liner Stampalla was taken over by the Italian government two weeks ago, there is no ground for protest by the United States government against the German or Austrian government for alleged violation of international rules. Indeed, the fact that the Stampalla carried mounted guns, ostensibly for her protection against attack, brings the situation down to a point of reasonable doubt regarding the right of the liner to go unscathed in the open sea. The United States has, for the purpose of making a definite basis, set a certain limit on the size of such guns carried for defensive purposes, while, on the other hand, Germany has decreed that enemy ships carrying mounted guns, are liable to attack. So it is left to be determined whether the

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Stampalla was still a ship engaged in peaceful commerce or had been taken over by the Italian government; again, if still a peaceful ship of commerce, whether her mounted guns exceeded the limit set by the United States government and whether she attacked the submarine or attempted to escape when challenged; and, in the third place, there is Germany's own declaration of principle which is open to arbitration perhaps and which surely cannot be thrown out of court without reasonable hearing. Right and justice cannot be wholly on one side in every situation that may develop during the present war; it must not be taken for granted that the entente allies can do no wrong while Germany can do all wrong. Therefore, the United States government will take steps to determine the real conditions surrounding the sinking of the Stampalla before committing itself to any policy. A course of moderation, rather than hasty action, is the one wise course to pursue.

JINGLES AND JESTS

The Catcher—And how do you like married life, Jerry?
Shortstop (newly wed)—Well, Jake, she's just like an umpire! She never thinks I'm safe, when I'm out!—Puck.

Explained.

"Waiter, what is this piece of ticker tape doing in my spaghetti?"
"Ah, sir, now I understand what is worrying the cook; I thought he was in love, but he has only been playing the stock market."—The Lamb.

Not Sweeping the Streets.

Mrs. Bacon—I don't think the streets are nearly as clean as they used to be.
Mr. Bacon—Of course not. Just see that short skirts you women are wearing now.—Yonkers Statesman.

Bill, the Monopolist.

A Socialistic writer was talking in Boston about the dye trust recently formed in Germany.
"It includes all the German dye firms," he said. "Talk about a monopoly, eh? Why, it's as bad as Bill Smith."
"Bill Smith went off to the shore for a week or two, and on his return took Sam Jones to task severely."
"Look here, Sam," he said, "I understand that while I was off at the shore you took advantage of my absence to hang 'round Mabel Green almost every night!"
"No, Bill," said Sam, "you're mistaken. It's her sister, Sallie Green, that I've been hangin' 'round!"
"Well," said Bill, "that makes no difference. I got my eyes on both them girls!"—Washington Star.

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CURRENT COMMENT

Economizing on White Paper.

The Randolph Herald has announced an advance in advertising rates beginning Oct. 1st.

This is inevitable, unless there is a decided drop in the cost of newspaper stock, which is now more than double what it was six months ago.

The big paper companies refuse to take new business and are trying simply to take care of their regular customers.

They write us that they may even have to cut down the amount called for regularly, in the contracts, unless very general economy is practiced by all publishers.

We are using smaller type to avoid having to run extra pages, and doing our best to economize.—Morrisville Messenger.

Humane Work in Washington County.

The Washington County Humane society is doing business at the old stand, with the same band of the faithful hammering away. It is too bad that the general public is so indifferent to such a splendid organization. What it needs is more interest by the people who really believe in such things, and instead of a few good ones doing all the work, by the help of the sheriff's department of Washington county, which, by the way, have been a great comfort to the organization, it should have the hearty support of all who believe in the work being carried along by a handful. Those in Northfield and vicinity who wish to know more about what this society has accomplished will be enlightened by talking it over with Dr. Mayo, President W. W. Brook of Montpelier, the man who should have the credit for keeping it at it everlastingly. Either of these men will take in your dollar, the yearly dues, and you will be more than repaid.—Northfield News.

The Maine Situation.

Somewhat disquieting are the reports which our seasoned political correspondent, Mr. James L. White, telegraphs from the various points in Maine which he has visited. Only one moral remains to be drawn. The Republicans of the Pine Tree state should forget their various cliques, factions and candidacies, and get together for the good of the nation. Maine is the last of our barometers. We used to have October elections in Indiana and Ohio, which foreshadowed the outcome of the presidential contest. These have become November states. We used to have Vermont—a wonderfully exact barometer—but this prominence the Green Mountaineers decided to forego. It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of the outcome in Maine. It is a Republican state. Its failure to give a substantial Republican majority in September would throw a chill over the campaign from Portsmouth to San Diego. A tremendous responsibility thus rests on the voters of Maine. They should rise to the occasion. In no other state in the union have complaints over the Democratic tariff been more serious than there; nor have war orders entirely obscured the lesser industrial factor. If protection is to remain a vital issue, and if Republicanism is to assert itself in the nation, Maine must in September show the rest of us the way. And Maine must do it with such emphasis as to permit of no further misunderstanding.—Boston Herald.

Imperial Exculpation.

Again the Kaiser has been on the subject of his responsibility for the war. A great many times, he has protested: "I did not wish this war." "I did not bring on the war." "I am not responsible." Whatever his contemporaries may think of the accuracy of his ever renewed statement, they must recognize that he does not want to be held the author of the terrible event.

In what sense he exonerates himself it would be interesting to know. His most lately reported conversation on the subject reveals him stripping himself and his country of the blame by distributing it among the entente, calling Russia despotic, France revengeful and Britain treacherous. He has at least the self-respect not to take refuge in the official German version of the war's origin, with its conspiring Belgians and its Russo-Serbian official plots to murder Austrian royalty.

Perhaps the Kaiser holds that he did not bring on the war, in the sense that the superior and dominating power never actually brings on a war. In this same sense that the citizen in a highwayman's clutch, brings on a fight by struggling when despoiled, the nations opposing the Teutonic military aggression caused war, or so it can be plausibly put forward, in order to prevent the Teutons' grabbing Serbia. To the Kaiser's view they are responsible; have not all his life's acts proclaimed his belief in the right of the mighty?—New York Evening Sun.

Justice and the Public.

At the beginning of any consideration of the present railroad controversy, there comes the truism, impressively used to-day by the president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, that "no strike is necessary to do justice." From that point onward the student busies himself trying to discover what justice is, and what element of unfairness or obnoxious stands in the way of it.

The railroad situation as it comes to the attention of President Wilson is a deadlock, with employees making demands which, in the main, they declare are not arbitrable. The railroads offer to arbitrate.

That, on the face of it, sounds bad for the employees—especially in a nation which is proceeding in its international dealings upon the principle that everything is open to mediation.

But there is a complication introduced by the fact that arbitration often goes, and recently has gone, against the employee, without satisfying him that his case has been fairly judged. Arbitration assumes a neutral reasoning power, and such neutrality is not easily found in a dispute involving as much as a railroad strike must involve.

The employee in this instance has his own idea of justice, and refuses to risk the idea in arbitration which he holds to be only theoretically fair.

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eight-hour day itself is simple enough; the public probably approves of it, on the principle that eight hours is enough for a man to work. But when the man has worked beyond his eight hours, is he worth time-and-a-half pay—by way of exacting punishment upon the railroad? That, surely, is an arbitrable question, although other industries operate with such an arrangement. The eight-hour basic workday may be a foregone conclusion; it is, with most of us. But there are always two sides to a question of wages. Arbitration, by some plan, is vitally necessary.

If this country were thrown into the pandemonium of a railroad strike because a group of employees refused to submit a wage question to the study of a court, labor unionism would have become the enemy of the public interest, of the common weal.

It is the public that would suffer in such a strike. The patient public, willing enough to pay for justice, ready now to pay the price of an eight-hour day, is not to be used with any such manhandling as that.

A country-wide strike over a hitch in arbitration is unthinkable. But this nightmare is educating. The way will not be left open again, we believe, for threats of any such disaster.—Boston Journal.



BROOKFIELD

The fifth get-together, or better acquaintance tour, conducted by the Barre Board of Trade will take place at East Randolph Wednesday, August 23. Supper at 7 o'clock and Carroll's orchestra of Barre will furnish music. The Barre band will give an outdoor concert and the Barre Board of Trade will show about 150 pictures of Barre and her industry. Three hundred people are expected for the supper. Everyone in this and the adjoining towns, is invited to East Randolph on this occasion.

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When they see goods they carry in stock advertised by the manufacturer, they bring them forward—they put them in their window. The storekeepers know people will want to see them.

They co-operate with the newspaper advertising, and they find this co-operation sells goods for them.

They know the customers attracted to their store by newspaper advertised goods may be made permanent friends. They know their co-operation marks them as up-to-date merchants.